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FUSED SILICA AND OPTICAL FIBER SOOT PREFORMS, APPARATUS, METHODS
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of January 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

The **Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

The **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 33 of this paper.